**Production stock and consumption of natural rubber**

2991. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production, stock and consumption of natural rubber;

(b) whether there has been any short fall in the production and consumption and also in the stock level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the stock of natural rubber?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The production, consumption and stock of natural rubber is as below:

(Tonnes approximate)

| Year | Production | Consumption | Stock |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 749,665 | 755,405 | 106,200 |

(b) to (d) The Production of rubber has been increasing every year. Changes in the stock position depends on the demand and supply position from time to time.

**Improved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003**

2992. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since made imporved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003, as recommended by the Cabinet Committee on WTO (World Trade Organisation);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar revised offers have also been received by India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when the revised offers made and received are likely to be finalised; and

(f) the extent to which India's international trade would improve as a consequence thereof?